in Washington in May last. India took the stand that it would not oppose another round of GATT talks whereas the developing countries in their statement from Geneva have opposed any such round of GATT talks till the previous decisions taken in 1982, particularly measures related to benefit of trade for developing countries are implemented; and

(b) if so, what caused India to change her stand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No, Sir.

The Washington meeting discussed wide ranging issues including the proposal for a new round of negotiations in GATT. The stand taken by India in the Washington meeting on the new round was the same as in the Joint Statement of developing countries in Geneva which emphasised that the main task now should be the completion of the Work Programme laid out by the GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Ministerial level meeting in November, 1982. The statement further called for urgent and undivided attention to be given to the implementation of measures and commitments contained therein which would benefit the trade of developing countries.

(b) Does not arise.

**Duty free Access to EEC Market**

1524. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Generalised Scheme of Preferences announced by the European Economic Community Market in Delhi;

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto with regard to the enhanced duty-free access to the European Economic Community Market for industrial and agricultural products from developing countries;

(c) how the above Scheme is likely to benefit India's export endeavour and foreign exchange earnings; and

(d) what measures are proposed to take full advantage of the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (d) The European Economic Community is yet to announce the GSP Scheme for 1985. Tre Commission of the European Communities is, however, understood to have made proposals in this regard on which decision is expected to be taken later this year.

**Coast Guard Organisation**

1525. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to equip the Coast Guard Organisation with the necessary ships and crafts for efficiency performing the duties assigned to them;

(b) what have been the achievements of the Coast Guard Organisation during the period January to June, 1984;

(c) whether any analysis or evaluation has been made of their infrastructural needs; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The Coast Guard was constituted as an Armed Force of the Union under the Coast Guard Act, 1978. The Coast Guard Development Plan 1979—84 was approved by the Government in 1980 at a total outlay of Rs. 100 crores. Subsequently, in 1981, the Plan outlay was revised to Rs. 110 crores. The next Coast Guard Plan 1985—90 is currently under preparation. The Coast Guard Plans provide for the acquisition of more ships and aircraft to progressively better equip it for the discharge of its multi-farious responsibilities. A perspective plan for the development and growth of this young Service, approved by the Government, is presently being implemented. It is expected that the Coast Guard would grow to its optimum size in the next 15 years.

(b) The main achievements of the Coast Guard Organisation during the period

January to June, 1984 are listed below:—

(i) One Taiwanese fishing trawler was apprehended by a Coast Guard ship for illegal fishing in Indian waters.

(ii) 4 vessels indulging in smuggling were apprehended with contraband worth Rs. 10.53 lakhs approximately.

(iii) Assistance to Wild Life Authorities was provided by Coast Guard strike in March-April '84. assistance was poaching patrols off the Orissa Coast.

(iv) During the Port Trust Workers' strike in March-April, 84, assistance was a person who had fallen overboard from Madras.

(v) Aerial reconnaissance was carried out in search and rescue operations for a person who had fallen overboard from a fishing trawler off the Orissa Coast; and for tracing a missing fishing trawler on the request of the Bangla Desh Government.

This apart, regular and organised patrolling and the presence of the Coast Guard in our waters is believed to have prevented illegal activities, and to have provided a feeling of security to those engaged in legal activities in our coastal waters.

(c) and (d) Analysis and evaluation of the infrastructural needs of the Coast Guard Organisation is a continuous process and along with the gradual build-up of force levels, the infrastructure is also being strengthened progressively.

**Spinning mills in Maharashtra**

1526. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many spinning mills have been sanctioned in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) how many of them have started functioning so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up more spinning mills in Maharashtra during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) According to available information, permissions have been issued under the "Delicensing Scheme" for setting up of 73 spinning mills in the state of Maharashtra.

(b) 12 spinning mills have started functioning.

(c) Statewise requirements of additoinal spindleage are not predetermined by the Government.

**SC/ST accountants working in the Punjab National Bank**

1527. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total strength of Accountants working in the various branches of the Punjab National Bank in Delhi at the end of 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982 and out of them how many belonged to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether the Bank is maintaining region-wise percentage of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes officers vis-a-vis the strength of other officer; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any post of Accountant/ Manager has been de-reserved in the above years; if so, whether the requisite approval of the concerned authority was obtained for such de-reservation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Information relating to the strength of officers of Punjab National Bank in the Junior Management Grade Scale-I, working in